

**INTERESTING COURT GOSSIP  
FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

Considering what the birth of an heir to the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach means to his house and dynasty, it is no wonder that the German

the Roms family, rulers of about the smallest principality of the German fed-

It is the observance which, as heir to throne, the Prince of Wales regarded from his state as the first duty of his Standing in his Charter before in front of the Peer's seats, the prince is seen inclining to the princess, who is making a sweeping courtesy. She was the first to appear in the robes of the Westminster Abbey to perform this salute to the prince.

For the Queen's card an act of elegance, the Stuart princess, the King Henry VII site in a carved chair.

Giannach is also thirteenth in her to the throne of the Netherlands through his grandmother, the Grand Duchess Sophie, who is the daughter of the King of Holland, from whom he inherited a handsome fortune, something like \$25,000,000.

Whatever possessed the Pall Mall Gazette to announce that Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the duke, the King of England's uncle, who is now the governor general of Canada, is to be the next Viceroy of India, a very responsible post that is entrusted only to the most astute and seasoned of British statesmen after long years of experience in the Indian empire, is a mystery.

The paper adds that "Prince Arthur's wedding is to be one of the shining feasts

while before her droops Lady Catherine Gordon, supported by the young King, who is to be the bridegroom. Her hands are extended in pity, for the Lady is a noted beauty, is in tears, and in the background the wailing maids look curiously upon the scene. Lady Gordon, who is the daughter of the late W. S. Gilbert, is a girl who is not at all unsentimental, and her apprehension as to the royal intentions is natural. Touched by the Queen's ardent wishes, she remained a devoted and faithful attendant at court."

Queen Alexandra's card is in truth a Christmas card—the Madonna, surrounded by symbolic lilies, holding the Christ Child in her arms. The pictures are admirably managed, and it has a suggestion of reas-

There isn't the remotest chance or prospect of the young prince receiving the appointment. No sane person could have thought of him in connection with that office. As to his wedding, why not wait until at least his betrothal has been announced officially?

There has been no serious talk in court and other authoritative circles of such an event. But the *Fall Mail Gazette* fails to substantiate its report by publishing the lady's name, whose wedding to the prince is to be the shining festivity of the season. It may dignify the whole thing as made of white cloth.

and good will quiet different from the belligerent subject which is the choice of the Prince of Wales.

Possibly his training influenced the latter in his selection. The pride of the Spanish Armada is getting out from Copenhagen, the sails and pennants flapping, and white clouds scudding across the sky.

There is life and movement and the splendor of pageantry in the scene, as the Kaiser's fleet comes to anchor off the Kaiser's camp consists. In this Napoleon, conspicuous among his generals, is being rowed to the Muzon man of war, in which he sailed from Egypt in

When the British House of Commons enjoys a riot of bad manners in our days, as it did twice recently, it assumes after all but a tame form. But in the days of Pitt, such outbreaks were marked by subtle manifestations. Pitt was "shocked" on one occasion because "the House laughed itself hoarse over a certain member's buffoonery." He rebuked it solemnly: "You are not to laugh at the speaker." And yet Pitt himself was the central figure in a scene impossible by our times.

His brother-in-law, Grenville, was the first to be elected Speaker of the House in 1769. He was a man of the side, as we would say, and he was on the side, as we would say, cheering the future Emperor.

Lord and Lady Beatrix Herbert have taken up their residence at Castlenew, Castleknock, in Ireland. The place boasts a large number of windows, more than those in the front of any house in Kildare. Its situation is convenient for hunting, and Castlenew is not many miles distant from the Royal Hospital, the center of the military government in Ireland. Lord Herbert occupies the

Greenville kept saying with weary iteration to the minister, "I say, sir, let them tell me where. I repeat it, sir. I am entitled to say to them, tell me where?" The minister, in a white robe, smiling Greenville's flow of "popular" questions, "Gentle Shepherd, Tell Me Where?" Then, as was his fashion when he meant to mark extreme contempt, "The rose deliberately made his bed, and walked out of the house," he said, "and then, in his convulsions of rage, and the house into convulsions of laughter, and the name of Gentle Shepherd followed Greenville."

number of the state rooms in Windsor Castle are being redecorated, including the famous Van Dyck chamber, also several of the private apartments. Alterations have been made in the picture gallery, the three drawing rooms—the white, the green, and the red—and in the corridor, which is the most notable feature in the private section of Windsor Castle. But the greatest improve-

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